



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Bernard R. Brodeur : Examiner: Albert Mark Navarro

Serial No.: 09/684,883 : Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: **PROTEINASE K RESISTANT SURFACE PROTEIN OF NEISSERIA  
MENINGIDITIS**

**R E P L Y**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application and consider the amendments and remarks which follow.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.